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Faculty to vote on four items

Members of the faculty attending a faculty meeting Jan. 31 and Feb. 7 have called for faculty-wide balloting on four items, including two constitutional amendments.

Items on the ballot will be:

--Moved: that the faculty give to the University Council a charge to present a Faculty Senate plan to it for approval or disapproval by March 1, 1978, or as soon as possible thereafter, but not later than April 30, 1978. Be it further resolved that in the plan which the University Council submits for faculty approval that it be provided that no administrative personnel above the level of department chairman, including administrators with faculty status, be eligible to serve in the Faculty Senate or to participate in the election in which members of Faculty Senate are elected.

Program by Cole receives Freedoms Foundation Award

An educational program developed and written by a Marshall University faculty member has earned a Freedoms Foundation Award, according to an announcement by the program's publisher, the Now Corp. of St. Albans, W.Va.

The program, "You and Your Insurance," was developed by Ernest W. Cole, associate professor of finance and business law at Marshall. Designed for high school students in social studies and consumer economics courses, the program includes film strips, a manual for students and a guide for teachers.

Cole said he undertook the project at the firm's request in 1973 and it was published first in 1974. A revised version was developed in 1976.

The latest version was selected for the Valley Forge Honor Certificate in economic education. The award was presented recently to the Now Corp. The Freedoms Foundation, headquartered at Valley Forge, Pa., makes annual awards in a number of categories based on service and principles under which the nation was established.

Cole said the program now is being used in schools in all 50 states.

MU debaters finish high in Naval Academy tournament

The Marshall University debate team placed in the top 16 teams among the 70 schools competing in debate competition at the United States Naval Academy last weekend (Feb. 3-5).

Rita Sowards, Huntington junior, and Keith Carper, Griffithsville sophomore, a brother and sister team, defeated six of their nine opponents, including the United States Military Academy, Villanova University and Virginia Military Institute.

The team, coached by Dr. John Bliese, MU assistant professor of speech, will compete this weekend (Feb. 10-12) in Northwestern University's tournament at Evanston, Ill.

--Moved: that a University-wide policy be established requiring department chairpersons to allow their department members to evaluate them and to have input into the Dean's evaluation of chairpersons; that the charge be given to the Faculty Personnel Committee; and that the plan be presented to the Faculty by April 30, 1978 for approval, disapproval or modification.

The proposed constitutional amendments are:

--Moved: that the first sentence of Section V of the Faculty Constitution be amended to read as follows: V. Meetings. A minimum of four meetings shall be called by the presiding officer during the academic year. Other meetings may be called by the University Council at its discretion.

--Moved: that Section VI of the Faculty Constitution be amended to read as follows: VI. Officers. The presiding officer of the faculty meetings shall be the Chairperson of the University Council, or, in his absence, a person appointed by the University Council. The presiding officer shall designate at the beginning of the academic year a parliamentarian and alternate parliamentarian to serve throughout the year. The Registrar shall serve as secretary to the faculty.

Passage of constitutional amendments requires 2/3rds approval by faculty members casting ballots, while passage of other items is by majority.

According to Section XI of the Faculty Constitution, a 10-day period must elapse between the conclusion of the formal presentation of an amendment and the start of paper balloting.

Instructions concerning ballot distribution and voting procedures will be announced in a special notice on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Woody Herman concert opens MU jazz festival

More than 1,500 high school, college and university students are expected to attend Marshall University's ninth annual Jazz Festival Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 16-18.

A concert featuring Woody Herman and "The Young Thundering Herd," scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at Keith-Albee Theater, will open the festival.

The concert is part of the Marshall Artists Series' Mount Series. Marshall faculty and staff may purchase tickets from Kenney Music Company and the Marshall Music Department office for \$2. Marshall students will be admitted with MU Activity Cards.

Friday and Saturday will be devoted to clinics conducted by well-known jazz artists, Buddy DeFranco, clarinetist; Jake Jerger, percussionist, and Doug Oatley, bass trombonist, according to J. D. Folsom, MU assistant professor of music and festival director. The clinics will feature performances by participating jazz ensembles.

The guest artists also will perform with the Marshall Jazz Ensemble in the festival's closing concert at 8 p.m. Saturday in Smith Recital Hall, Folsom said. The event is free and open to the public.

Program receives \$16,000 grant

Marshall University's Sociology/Anthropology Department has received a \$16,600 grant from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, according to Dr. O. Norman Simpkins, professor of sociology/anthropology and departmental chairman.

This is the first grant Marshall has received under the Title XX program, administered by the West Virginia Department of Welfare, Simpkins said.

Composer to lecture, conduct seminars here

American composer and conductor Gerald Humel will appear at Marshall University Monday, Feb. 13, Dr. Wendell Kumlien, MU professor of music and departmental chairman, announced today.

Humel, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, who now lives in Berlin, Germany, will conduct seminars for Marshall music composition students during the day. At 8 o'clock that evening in Smith Recital Hall, he will present a free, public lecture on his own work and contemporary music in general.

Humel's campus visit is part of the Distinguished Lecture-Series, funded by the Marshall Foundation, Dr. Kumlien said.

Journalism students awarded scholarships

Ten journalism students at Marshall University have received awards from two School of Journalism scholarship funds.

Selected by the journalism faculty on the basis of need and academic achievement, the students were awarded aid from the W. Page-Pitt and Julius Broh funds.

Pitt scholarship winners are Beverly Childers, Pedro, Ohio; Catherine Jones, South Charleston; Nancy Nelson, Charleston; Lenore Savage, Flatwoods, Ky.; Juanita Steele, Belle, and Judith Taylor, St. Albans.

Broh winners are Sarah Burgess, Huntington; Robin Ramey, Harts; Sallye Jo Runyon, Huntington, and Rebecca Stepto, Marmet.

Scholarships are awarded from interest earned on the funds. The first Pitt scholarships were awarded last year, and Broh aid has been awarded since the 1950s.

The Pitt fund is in honor of W. Page Pitt of Stuart, Fla., founder of Marshall's Department of Journalism, recently renamed the School of Journalism. Pitt was department chairman from 1926 to 1971.

The Broh fund was established in the 1950s by Mrs. Ruth J. Broh, widow of Julius Broh of Huntington.

Speaker to discuss culture of Appalachians

"What Say'd These Bones," an Appalachian heritage program, will be presented at Marshall University on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. in Smith Hall Auditorium.

Sponsored by the Marshall Sociology/Anthropology Department as an anthropology lecture, the program is free and open to the public.

A slide presentation by Marguerite E. Carson of Laurel County, Ky., "What Say'd These Bones" was developed primarily around rubbings of early gravestones in Appalachia, according to Dr. Karen Li Simpkins, assistant professor of sociology/anthropology.

Using daguerreotype portraits of mountain folk, circa 1860, and contemporary photographs of remnants of earlier times, Mrs. Carson will discuss life and death in the mountains.

"The funds will be used for the undergraduate social work program, one of several programs within the department. Efforts are under way to recruit an additional faculty person for this program," Simpkins said.

"The money also represents a tremendous boost for the task ahead to gain accreditation for this curriculum," he added.

"Currently we have approximately 63 students enrolled in the undergraduate social work program," said Mrs. Constance Carr, an assistant professor who is responsible for the program.

"The curriculum includes both class work and field work, but with the addition of another faculty member for this program, we will be able to increase the field work time available to our students," she said.

The grant may be renewed on a year-to-year basis.

Rotary Foundation information available

The Rotary Foundation sponsors graduate fellowships, undergraduate scholarships, journalism, technical training and teachers of the handicapped awards which provide for one academic year of study in another country.

Applicants must have high academic standing, demonstrated leadership qualities and must be proficient in the language of the county in which study is contemplated.

Applications and detailed information may be obtained from Dr. E. S. Hanrahan, dean of the College of Science, Old Main 115.

Emeritus Club

The Marshall Faculty Emeritus Club will hold a noon luncheon meeting Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Up Towner Inn. Dr. N. Bayard Green, professor emeritus of biological sciences, will present a slide-illustrated talk on birds.

Muslim students celebrate birth of prophet Mohammad

Marshall faculty and staff members are invited to attend a reception, sponsored by the Muslim Students Association, in celebration of the birthday of the Muslim prophet Mohammad today (Feb. 10) from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge, Memorial Student Center.

The event will include a brief lecture by the association's advisor, Dr. Jabir A. Abbas, associate professor of political science, and a film.

Personnel Personals

Lisa Keller, 16-year-old Huntington East High School junior, is one of 10 finalists in the Guideposts Magazine's annual youth writing contest. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Keller of Huntington is assured of a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of her choice, and could win as much as \$4,000. Her father is an assistant professor of mathematics.

Proud of an accomplishment of a family member? Just married? Want to share some good news with your colleagues at Marshall? The News Letter would be happy to publish personal items for you. Send them through campus mail or hand deliver them to Judith Casto, University Relations, Old Main 112.